

Natural and Working Lands Action Plan Recommendations

Recommendation Type	Strategy
Transformative	1. Protect and restore forests and wetlands within flood prone areas.
	2. Facilitate voluntary landowner participation in carbon offset and ecosystem services markets.
	3. Build a multi-state NWL solutions toolbox.
	4. Integrate climate adaptation and resiliency strategies into local government comprehensive plans.
Protect Forest Lands	5. Conserve forest lands through easements and acquisition.
	6. Modernize forest policy and tax incentives.
Restore Forest Land	7. Expand restoration efforts on publicly owned lands.
	8. Encourage restoration and reforestation on private lands.
Enhance Forest Lands	9. Increase landowner access to forest management technical and financial assistance.
	10. Support the wood products markets.
Protect and Restore Floodplains and Wetlands	11. Coordinate the State's floodplain buyout and restoration program to increase resilience.
Restore Pocosins	12. Rewet hydrologically altered peatlands to prevent soil loss and catastrophic fire.
	13. Reforest peatlands with Atlantic White Cedar.
Enhance Pocosins	14. Enhance soil health and retention on working peatlands via best management practices and drainage management.
	15. Implement targeted interventions to protect peatlands from sea level rise and saltwater intrusion guided by scenario-based modeling.
Protect Coastal Habitats	16. Provide incentives to stakeholders for coastal habitat protection.
	17. Facilitate migration of coastal habitats through protection of migration corridors.
Restore Coastal Habitats	18. Prioritize climate change and sea level rise in coastal habitat restoration planning.
Protect and Restore Urban Lands	19. Promote urban forests through statewide programs to foster the retention of urban trees and their proper management.
	20. Protect and restore forested lands in water supply watersheds.
Enhance Urban Lands	21. Improve site preparation and soil amendment during land development.
	22. Research urban forestry climate adaptation and canopy baseline needs.
Enhance Agriculture	23. Encourage adoption of high mitigation agricultural conservation practices on croplands and pasturelands.
	24. Improve manure management on farms.
	25. Encourage food system efficiency through reduced food loss and waste.